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**Subject: SMOG TESTING OF VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Government vehicles owned and operated by federal agencies require biennial Smog Check inspection, but a certificate of compliance is NOT required. When testing a federally owned government vehicle, the smog technician needs to perform the following steps to ensure the vehicle is properly identified:

- 1) Enter the VIN and license plate number. The technician will select from the list to identify the issuing state for vehicles with out-of-state plates. Federal government vehicles that display a government plate are usually registered in Washington, DC. The technician will select District of Columbia (DC) as the issuing state for the vehicle's registration.
- 2) The analyzer will prompt the technician to answer the question "IS THE CONSUMER SEEKING California DMV REGISTRATION?" The technician will answer "YES".
- 3) The technician will select "government fleet vehicle" from the VEHICLE TYPE MENU or answer "YES" to the prompt "IS THIS A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE?"
- 4) The technician will input the government agency's BAR File Number. Once the BAR File Number has been entered into the analyzer, the technician can continue with the Smog Check inspection. If the agency fails to provide the technician with their BAR File Number, the smog inspection cannot be completed using this procedure. (The station can call BAR Fleet Operations at 916-255-1336 to obtain the Government Fleet BAR File Number.)
- 5) Some federal vehicle license plate numbers may exceed seven (7) digits, and some vehicles display a painted number as the license plate identification. The technician will enter the last seven (7) digits from the license plate or the painted identification number. (Numbers are read from right to left.)

NOTE: The above procedure for inspecting vehicles owned by the federal government is DIFFERENT from the Smog Check inspection procedure used when testing privately owned vehicles of military personnel on active military assignment in California.